CHAPTER 384

(House Bill 231)

AN ACT concerning

Recordation Tax – Exemption for Transfers from a Government or Public Agency

FOR the purpose of exempting authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to exempt from recordation tax certain instruments of writing if the transferor is the United States, the State, an agency of the State, or a political subdivision of the State; and generally relating to exemptions from the recordation tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, adding to

Article - Tax - Property

Section 12-108(a)(1) <u>12-116</u> Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Tax - Property

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- (a) (1) Except—as—provided—in—paragraph (2)—of this subsection,—an instrument of writing-is not subject to recordation tax, if the instrument of writing transfers property [to] TO, or grants a security interest to OR FROM:
 - (i) the United States;
 - (ii) the State;
 - (iii) an agency of the State; or
 - (iv) a political subdivision in the State.

12-116.

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY EXEMPT, BY LAW, FROM THE